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Dear Friend:

The New Jersey Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Commission is proud to announce 2005 *V-Free* Mini-Grant Program. The goal of the *V-Free* Mini-Grant Program is to help empower New Jersey's youth and encourage personal responsibility while addressing the three "V's" – violence, vandalism, and victimization. The focus of the initiative is to challenge New Jersey's schools and communities to become *V-Free* through youth participation and by supporting the positive efforts of existing programs and activities. The *V-Free* Mini-Grant Program is competitive and grants are awarded based on available funding.

I have taken the liberty of enclosing a copy of the grant application and guidelines. Please feel free to make copies of this material and to share with friends and colleagues accordingly.

The deadline for submission is February 14, 2005.

Thank you for helping to keep Dr. King's dream alive by making New Jersey *V-Free*. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Commission at 609-777-4134. As always, you have my best.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Regena L. Thomas", written over a large, loopy oval shape.

Regena L. Thomas
Secretary of State